(e) whether a copy of the resolution in (d) can be placed in print on the table;

(f) the steps the Government have taken on the resolution in (d)?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(a) Four including the meeting held on 25th Kanni 1110.

(b) Nil.

(c) The matter regarding the non-attendance of the member is being enquired into and the member cannot be removed nor can any action be taken against him without sufficient reason.

(d) Yes.

(e) Copy of resolution passed at the meeting held on 14th Kanni 1110 is appended. *(Vide Appendix III.)*

(f) The matter is being enquired into.

Removal of Panchayat members for non-attendance in Panchayat meetings.

16. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state the total number of removals of Panchayat members for non-attendance in Panchayat meetings ever since the Panchayat Department was separated and the number of non-attendance in the case of each removal?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—A statement furnishing the information is appended. *(Vide Appendix IV.)* Statistics for the period prior to 1108 has not been kept.

17. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(i) Will the Government kindly state whether they have any new proposals to improve the meagre and non-enthusiastic attendance of Panchayat members in our different Panchayats; and

(ii) what the new proposals are?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(i) None.

(ii) Does not arise.

Number of Panchayat meetings from which Mr. A. M. Kunjipockerkutty absented himself.

18. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly give the total number of Panchayat meetings from which Mr. A. M. Kunjipockerkutty of some of the previous questions has absented himself during all the respective tenures of the Azhikode—Methala Panchayat ever since he became a Panchayat member?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Forty-one including the meeting held on 25th Kanni 1110.

The necessity of Marriage Laws.

19. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a full account of the points they have considered before answering Question 67, dated 1st August 1933 regarding the necessity for Marriage Laws?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon. — Government have considered all the relevant points before answering the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What are the relevant points ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The only relevant point is whether there are marriage laws. There are marriage laws in existence here.

Time—Treasury clock at Ernakulam.

20. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) are the Government aware that the Treasury at Ernakulam does not keep standard time;

(b) are the Government aware that at times the time in the Treasury is 10 to 15 minutes ahead of the Madras time;

(c) whether any officer is responsible for the proper keeping of the time in the Treasury?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The Treasury clock was not working satisfactorily for a short time but it was got repaired immediately. It keeps correct time now.

(b) Yes. Sometimes it has been 5 to 10 minutes ahead of the Madras time, but it was adjusted correctly on those occasions.

(c) The Treasury Officer is responsible for the proper keeping of the time in the Treasury.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the Government aware that constantly the treasury clock goes wrong ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I think it used to go wrong, but now it is all correct.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Even last week it was not keeping correct time.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No two clocks or no two watches ever agree.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What is the age of your clock ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I don't think it has passed the middle age. It is well serviceable and correct.

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